

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
Chief Financial Officer



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** February 23, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement (Revised): "Nurse's Rehabilitation Program and Committee Act of 2000"

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 13-794 as Introduced

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the District's FY 2001 through FY 2004 budget and financial plan to conduct the activities required by the proposed legislation. Additional funds of approximately \$87,671 will be required to implement the provisions of this legislation for FY 2001 through FY 2004. The Department of Health (DOH) has determined that the FY 2001 through FY 2004 budget and financial plan provides sufficient funds to implement the components of the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources will be required.

**Background**

The proposed legislation creates a nurses rehabilitation review board for nurses who are unable to perform their duties due to alcohol dependency, drug dependency or mental illness. The legislation also establishes a five-member Committee on Impaired Nurses that will supervise the program. The Committee will review and designate treatment facilities or services to which the nurses in the program may be referred.

DOH Licensing and Regulation Administration will be responsible for coordinating program efforts and working with the Committee to ensure compliance with this legislation. The legislation is silent as to whether or not the Committee members will be paid a stipend or otherwise compensated for their time.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

The proposed legislation will require additional resources. The additional costs associated with implementing the provisions of the proposed legislation are outlined below. The estimate includes salary costs for a part-time employee to provide administrative support to the Committee. The FY 2002 through FY 2004 estimates include a 3.0 percent inflator for salaries, and a 2.5 percent inflator for nonpersonal services expenditures.

<b>Estimated Net Impact to the Financial Plan</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1 DS-5 Salary at 50%	\$15,000	\$15,450	\$15,914	\$16,391	<b>\$62,755</b>
Supplies	2,000	2,050	2,101	2,154	<b>8,305</b>
Educational Materials	3,000	3,075	3,152	3,231	<b>12,458</b>
Incidental Expenses	1,000	1,025	1,051	1,077	<b>4,153</b>
<b>Annual Net Impact</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>	<b>\$22,218</b>	<b>\$22,853</b>	<b>\$87,671</b>

Funds are sufficient in the District's FY 2001 through FY 2004 budget and financial plan to conduct the activities required by the proposed legislation. DOH has determined that they can absorb all costs associated with implementing the components of the proposed legislation.